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THE TWO BRIDES.

Two happy brides, and happy spring,
 With love and life and hope and joy,
 And the old church upon the green,
 And the old church upon the green,
 To please and please and please and please,
 Fair Margaret and Evelyn.

They had been friends, such as we see
 Of friends, but high and low degree,
 Of friends, but high and low degree,
 Of friends, but high and low degree,
 Of friends, but high and low degree,
 Of friends, but high and low degree.

In a good place, fair Margaret passed
 With her proud bridegroom hand in hand,
 To the tall tower on the hill,
 To the tall tower on the hill,
 To the tall tower on the hill,
 To the tall tower on the hill.

Each filled its place. The family tower
 Stood grand and ancient of flowers,
 Where country, county, county, county,
 Where country, county, county, county,
 Where country, county, county, county,
 Where country, county, county, county.

The lady of the tower was known
 In splendid throng, and proudly shown,
 As a rare gem in the tower's crown,
 As a rare gem in the tower's crown,
 As a rare gem in the tower's crown,
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Another spring, in latter years,
 Stood proudly through its April years,
 On the old tower on the hill,
 On the old tower on the hill,
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Yet, when again two brides to wed,
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All bright as bright their lives had been
 Before their death and death and death,
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For Margaret's tomb stands on the hill,
 A monument of the tower's hill,
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White morn and eve the children pass
 The neighbouring tower with the tower's hill,
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FOUND OUT.

A certain deacon, who was a zealous
 advocate of the cause of temperance,
 employed a carpenter to make some alterations
 in his parlour. In repairing a corner near
 the fireplace, it was found necessary to remove
 the wall, which was built up with bricks
 brought to light which were the work of a
 villain. A brace of decanters, a sturdy
 bottle—'all containing' something to take
 —and a pitcher and tumblers were closely
 ransacked there in a twinkling. The joiner
 ran to the proprietor with the intelligence.
 "That is curious," said the deacon, "I
 have been a Captain since that I left those
 things there when he occupied the premises
 thirty years since." "Perhaps he did,"
 returned the discoverer, "but deacon, that
 is in the pitcher must have been well
 frozen to remain solid!"

TRAVELLING, PAST AND PRESENT.
 In days long gone, when those who
 had the means and inclination were wont to visit
 foreign lands, the knowledge necessary in
 search for a branch was confined to a limited
 circle. Moreover, the taste was by no means
 so refined as it is by very many in the present
 day. Thus, pictures were purchased at high
 prices, and brought home as Murillo or
 Raphael, Rubens or Titian, solely because
 they were purchased in Italy or Spain by
 those who had probably more money than
 taste, and were not so much interested in
 art as in the knowledge of the world.

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Insurance.

BATAVIA SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
 Agents for the above Company, are pre-
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 terms—

MARINE RISKS.
 Policies at current rates, payable either here
 in London, or at the principal ports of India,
 Australia, and the East.

FIRE RISKS.
 Policies granted on First-class Buildings to an
 extent of £20,000.

DISCOUNT OF TWENTY PER CENT. (20%)
 upon the current local rates will be allowed on
 all policies charged for insurances which do
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RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
 1 Hongkong, 1st January, 1874.

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.
 NOTICE.
 It will allow a Brokerage of THIRTY-
 THREE AND ONE-THIRD PER CENT.
 on Local Risks only.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
 1 Hongkong, 4th June, 1874.

OHINA AND JAPAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.
 NOTICE.
 It will allow a Brokerage of THIRTY-
 THREE AND ONE-THIRD PER CENT.
 on Local Risks only.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
 1 Hongkong, 1st January, 1874.

SUN FIRE OFFICE.
 THE Undersigned is prepared to Grant
 Policies against Fire to the extent of
 £40,000 on Fire-insured Risks.

DISCOUNT OF TWENTY PER CENT. (20%)
 upon the Current Local Rates of Premium will be
 allowed upon Insurances effected with this Office.

T. G. STREED, Agent, Sun Fire Office.
 1335 Hongkong, 25th August, 1874.

TRANSATLANTIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.
 THE Undersigned having been appointed
 Agents for the above Company, are pre-
 pared to accept risks against Fire at current
 rates, subject to a bonus of 20 per cent.

SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.
 1 Hongkong, 16th November, 1872.

THE SECOND COLONIAL SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF BATAVIA.
 THE Undersigned having been appointed
 Agents for the above Company, are pre-
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RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
 1 Hongkong, 1st January, 1874.

POSITIVE GOVERNMENT SECURITY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
 CHAS. H. MORGAN, Agent.
 944 Hongkong, 16th June, 1875.

LONDON AND ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSPORT INSURANCE OFFICE.
 17, LADYMAN STREET, LONDON.
 ESTABLISHED 1845.

THE Undersigned is authorized to accept
 risks on behalf of this Office, by First
 Class Steamers and Sailing Ships.

A. MOYER, Agent.
 1 Hongkong, 1st July, 1867.

PHENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
 FROM this date, until further notice, a dis-
 count of Twenty per cent. (20%) upon the
 current local rates of premium will be allowed
 upon insurances effected with this Company.

DOUGLAS LARRAK & Co., Agents.
 1113 Hongkong, 27th June, 1872.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).
 NOTICE.
 Policies granted at current rates for Ma-
 rine Risks to all parts of the World.

OLYMPIC & Co., General Agents.
 1 Hongkong, 17th April, 1873.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.
 THE Undersigned having been appointed
 Agents for the above Company, are pre-
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HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.
 48 Hongkong, 1st January, 1875.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE COMPANY.
 INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER.
 HIS MAJESTY'S INSURANCE OFFICE.
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Insurance.

NORTHERN ASSURANCE COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED 1805.
 CAPITAL—£2,000,000.
 ACCUMULATED FUNDS—£1,380,000.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
 Policies against Fire, on Buildings, and
 their Contents, to the extent of £10,000. Rates
 are the same as those charged by the Local
 Companies, less a discount of 20%.

TURNER & Co., Agents.
 1125 Hongkong, 11th August, 1875.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.
 INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER AND
 SPECIAL ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.
 ESTABLISHED 1808.

CAPITAL—£2,000,000.
 THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong for
 the above Company, are prepared to grant
 Policies against FIRE to the extent of £10,000
 on Buildings, or on Merchandise in the same,
 at the current rates, subject to a discount of
 Twenty per cent. (20%).

GILMAN & Co., Agents.
 1102 Hongkong, 7th July, 1874.

NANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.
 THE Undersigned have been appointed
 Agents for the above Company at Hong-
 kong, Canton, Poonchow, Shanghai, and Han-
 gow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at
 Current Rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.
 1193 Hongkong, 14th October, 1868.

HONGKONG STEAMERS.
 P. & O. S. N. Co.
 Agents for the above Company, are pre-
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